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The Examiner restricted the claims into three groups: Group IA (Claims 172-197) directed toward methods of making RNA products; Group IIA (Claims 198-200) directed toward methods of obtaining a substrate for transcription; and Group IIIA (Claims 201-205) directed toward methods for cloning a target sequence. Applicants hereby elected Group IA (Claims 172-197) without traverse. Consistent with this election, Applicants have cancelled Claims 198-205 without prejudice to pursuing such claims in the future.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this case, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at 608-218-6900 at the Examiner's convenience.

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